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## No Plans for Armed Cuba Action — Rusk

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Dean Rusk assured investigating Senators yesterday the U.S. has no plans for armed intervention in Cuba.

Senator Wayne Morse said Mr. Rusk made this clear during three hours of closed door interrogation by the Latin American Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Morse, the Subcommittee-Chairman, reported that Mr. Rusk made an able, factual and "open-breasted" statement concerning the U.S. role in the ill-fated invasion of Cuba.

He quoted the Secretary as saying the invasion decision was made by the Cuban refugees themselves, but that they did have arms, financial and training assistance from the U.S.

Mr. Rusk was the first witness in the Subcommittee's effort to pin down the extent of U.S. involvement in the Cuban invasion fiasco. He will be followed later this week by Mr. Allen Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Senator indirectly referred to reports that the State Department on the one hand had opposed the Cuban venture and that the White House on the other hand had approved it with reluctance. He was satisfied that the State Department, the White House and the Central Intelligence Agency were joint participants.

**Parade in Havana**  
In Havana yesterday, Premier Castro looked on with obvious pleasure as masses of Cubans marched and sang in what was described as the first May Day celebration in the Western Hemisphere "with the working class in power."

The bearded Prime Minister, wearing a large red kerchief around his neck, watched thousands of his countrymen march through an "Arch of Triumph" topped with a big white peace dove and the legend: "Toward the union of all the workers of the world." Huge banners bore pictures of Castro and Karl Marx. Floats and banners with slogans lashed the U.S. as an imperialist aggressor and the Catholic church as the "patron of imperialism."

On Sunday night Tass announced from Moscow that Lenin Peace Prizes for 1960 have been awarded to Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba and President Sekou Toure of Guinea. Among other foreigners to receive the award was Georges Tabet, a Lebanese architect, "a tireless fighter against foreign interference in the internal affairs of Arab countries."

**The Governor of the Bank of Israel and the Bank staff**  
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Overcome by emotion at yesterday's mounting pile of testimony against the terror conducted under Eichmann's direction, a spectator in the Jerusalem District Court public gallery shouted at the man in the dock: "Bluthund." He is seen here being removed by a policeman. The man was later allowed to return.

## Outburst at Eichmann Trial

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
For the first time since the beginning of the Eichmann trial three weeks ago, there was an outburst by a survivor of the Holocaust, in the Ben-Haim Courtroom yesterday morning.

One of the spectators in the gallery, Zeev Sheffer, suddenly stood up and began shouting towards Eichmann: "Bloodhound, bloodhound. Let me kill him with my own hands. He killed all my family."

Every pair of eyes in the courtroom except Eichmann's turned towards the balcony as policemen ran up to hustle the man out. Eichmann continued to look towards the judge as if nothing was happening although he paled considerably and was seen to swallow.

Mr. Sheffer, who was not detained later said that 62 of his family of 86 had died in the Holocaust. His family had lived in Hungary.

**Peretz Naphtali Dies, Aged 73**  
Jerusalem Post Staff  
TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion led the large number of state, labour movement and the Tel Aviv Municipality leaders who paid their last tribute yesterday to Councillor Peretz Naphtali, former Cabinet Minister, who died here on Sunday morning after a lengthy illness. He was 73.

The President was represented by his aide, Abimishne Yosef Carmel. The burial took place in Kibbutz Almut, near Lake Kinneret, of which the deceased's only daughter is a member.

The body lay in state in the Museum next to the Town Hall during the morning and hundreds paid tribute to the deceased. Mr. Pinhas Lavon, M.K., preceded the Premier into the room by a few minutes and they met for a fleeting moment near the bier. Among the many mourners were the Knesset Speaker, the Minister of the Bank of Israel, the Minister of the State, the Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, and many Knesset Members and City Councillors.

**Ministers Carry Bier**  
The bier was borne out in front of the Town Hall by Messrs. Eban, Namir Josephthal, Schechter, Levanon, and Sapir. There the crowds stood under the burning sun as Mr. Ben-Gurion delivered his eulogy.

He said that "two great teachers have been lost to us of late: Shmuel Yavniel and Peretz Naphtali. Naphtali was not one of the men of the Second Aliya but possessed all their qualities: purity of mind, unlimited devotion, and simplicity in his personal life. He possessed, however, what the men of the Second Aliya had not: wide knowledge and acquaintance with the great world."

Mr. Zalman Shazar and Mayor Mordecai Namir also spoke. After the cantor chanted "El Malei Rahamim," the cortege left for Almut. At Almut the bier was placed on the kibbutz lawn where Dr. Josephthal, M.K., and Mr. Eshanan Yisrael of the kibbutz, delivered eulogies. The burial took place in the newly dedicated kibbutz cemetery, where the kibbutz tractor-driver Yehoshua Antebi, who was killed in an accident last week, is buried. Kaddish was said at the graveside.

**AFTER MIDNIGHT**  
A Jordan Ministerial Committee last night announced a complete ban on the exhibition anywhere outside Jordan of the Dead Sea Scrolls in the country's possession.

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## De Gaulle Said Preparing To Shuffle Cabinet

PARIS (Reuters). — President de Gaulle, still under heavy guard in case of attempts on his life, is believed to be planning a Cabinet reshuffle.

In this he would make M. Roger Frey Minister of the Interior with control of the police and riot squads, it is understood.

M. Frey, at present an official of the Prime Minister's Office, played a key part in breaking the threat of a paratroop invasion just over a week ago by his swift and efficient moves.

Police here are still preoccupied with protection for Gen. de Gaulle against assassination attempts as there are still known fanatics at large in spite of many arrests in Algeria and France.

The Minister of Information, M. Louis Terrenoire, yesterday said police have made 350 arrests in France and hundreds of searches.

Speaking to correspondents after attending a meeting here of key ministers presided over by President de Gaulle, he said the police operation continues and that swift justice will be meted out to the guilty.

M. Terrenoire also disclosed that Air Force General Jean Nicot, whose "fortress arrest" was announced Sunday night, is suspected of "having facilitated the departure from France of ex-governor Charles Zeller" — one of the leaders of the putsch.

In Algiers gendarmes manning road blocks stopped the cars of Gen. de Gaulle's staff. The holiday-makers and searched them for arms as crowds made for the bathing beaches in blazing sunshine.

Huge traffic jams built up at the city limits. The authorities banned May Day celebrations in the city where shops, offices and public transport were on holiday.

The big police hunt continued here for the missing ex-governor and ex-colonel who took part in the military putsch.

Extensive searches were carried out throughout Algiers Sunday night.

**1-Dead, 32 Hurt In 3 Algeria Cities**  
ALGERIA (Reuters). — A French army lieutenant was shot dead and 32 persons were injured — two seriously — in three separate incidents in Algeria yesterday.

The officer was killed when a gunman opened fire in an Oran street, and five of the persons were injured when a grenade was thrown into a cafe in the city.

Another 27 were injured when a grenade exploded near a bar in Constantine.

**De Gaulle Thanks B-G**  
The Prime Minister, Ben-Gurion, received from President de Gaulle the following message in reply to his cable expressing Israel's solidarity with the French Government during the recent insurrection in Algeria:

"The cable which Your Excellency was gracious enough to send me touched my heart. I send you my deepest thanks."

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**Isreal Citrus Marketing Board**  
Convention of Grove Owners from Rehovot and vicinity will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in the Beit Hakerem Hall, Rehovot to review the citrus season. Chairman: A. NAHMANI. Speaker: Z. ISAACSON. ADMISSION FREE.

## Laos Parley Threatened As Cambodia Backs Out

Prospects of an international conference on Laos opening at Geneva on May 12 were seriously threatened by Cambodia's withdrawal yesterday of its sponsorship and the continued delay in ordering a cease-fire in the civil war, diplomatic observers said in London.

They said the outlook for Laos appeared graver than at any time since Britain and Russia reached agreement a week ago on a three-point plan to restore peace to the Far East kingdom.

Cambodia's Head of State, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, announced at a press conference in Vientiane he was withdrawing both his sponsorship of an international conference and his suggestion that various Laotian factions should meet in his capital, Phnom Penh, to discuss a cease-fire. He was doing so in deference to the wishes of the Laotian king.

**Gov't Advises Ike To Drop Japan Trip**  
GETTYSBURG, Pennsylvania (Reuters). — General Eisenhower told a press conference here yesterday that he had cancelled a planned trip to Japan in October on the advice of the State Department. The ex-President said the Department told him that tensions were such that it would be best for him not to go.

In Washington, the State Department said that it was not "in a position to assure" General Eisenhower that his planned visit to Japan would be "propitious."

General Eisenhower was to have visited Japan last June when he was President, but this trip was cancelled after violent left-wing demonstrations against the renewal of the U.S.-Japan Security Pact. On Laos, he said the situation had developed so rapidly in recent days that he could give no opinion on whether U.S. troops should be sent there.

**U.S. Embassy Accused In Cairo Spy Report**  
The films which "agents of Israel intelligence" allegedly took of Egyptian military installations were to have been smuggled out of the country through the U.S. Embassy's diplomatic pouch, Cairo Radio charged yesterday.

The radio was reporting to quote the Armenian who is said to have headed the alleged ring whose capture was announced in Cairo last Saturday.

The Armenian was also said to have been authorized to offer \$250,000 to an Egyptian pilot who would fly his jet to Tel Aviv or Cyprus where he would receive a further \$250,000.

**ISRAEL V LOSE TO BULGARS BUT MOVE UP**  
BEOGRAD (AP). — Bulgaria defeated Israel 48-42 in a European basketball tournament match here yesterday, after trailing 21-27 at half-time.

It was the most exciting match of the day in which two equally robust and strong teams met.

Both teams qualified for the semi-finals. In the first half, the Bulgarians took the lead until the 12th minute, when Israel went ahead when the score was 13-13.

The Israelis staged a series of pressing attacks and increased their lead to 27-21 by the end of the first half.

In the second half, the Bulgarians pushed home a hard attack and in the 4th minute led 38-27, and from then on held the lead to the end in spite of vigorous Israeli attacks.

Israel met Czechoslovakia today.

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**The Weather**  
Forecast: The sharpest is expected to end gradually in the afternoon or evening hours.  
Weather Synopsis: A barometric warm depression moving along the coast and Kray is causing the sharpest.

City	Temp	Wind	Clouds
Tel Aviv	24-30	15-20	10-30
Jerusalem	18-25	10-15	10-30
Ramat Gan	20-26	12-18	10-30
Haifa	18-24	10-15	10-30
Beersheva	22-28	12-18	10-30
Dimona	24-30	15-20	10-30

**ARRIVALS**  
Mr. Milton B. Beckwith, president of Universal Pictures Co. and Mr. American Abroad, the vice-president and general manager of Universal International Films.  
Mr. Y. Kurland, Director of the Jewish Agency, Economic Department, after a trip abroad on department business.  
Dr. Paul Reubens, Professor of Music at the University of Illinois, for a 10-day tour of service with the Israel Defense Forces and Academy of Music, Tel Aviv, as guest of the Commissioner and the American Embassy.  
Messrs. and Mrs. James Z. Korman, Honolulu, H. I., Mr. Chino and Mrs. Martin, N.Y., all guests of the U.S.A. — Colonel Khin Nyo, Head of the Burmese Air Force, Command (by El Al).  
Paul Kler, as guest conductor with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (by El Al).  
Prof. Anna de Shalit, Chairman of the Science Committee and Administrative Director of the Weizmann Institute, after spending his Sabbath leave at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (by El Al).

**Kills Drug Addict In Self-Defence**  
TEL AVIV. — Yitzhak Bechar, 37, of Jaffa, died on Sunday night after being stabbed in the eye by a man whom he had assaulted with an iron bar.  
The alleged stabber, Mr. Amer Kamal Abu-Amra, also of Jaffa, has been held for questioning.  
The incident occurred when Bechar, a known drug addict, returned to his home in Rehov 101 at 11 o'clock Sunday night. When he started singing and generally behaving boisterously, a neighbour, Mr. Yitzhak Avnaim, whom Mr. Abu-Amra was visiting, asked him to be quiet. Instead, Bechar started hurling epithets at Avnaim, and Abu-Amra came to the support of his host.  
At this, Bechar snatched up the iron bar which was lying in the courtyard and came at Abu-Amra, injuring him, and continuing to swing away at him. Abu-Amra, backed into his host's kitchen, where he picked up a kitchen knife and stabbed Bechar in the eye.  
The police picked up Abu-Amra at Donolo Hospital, where a Magen David Adom ambulance summoned by neighbours had taken him and Bechar for treatment. Bechar died on the operating table. (Him)

With deep sorrow we announce the tragic death of our dear, beloved sister, sister-in-law, aunt, and great-aunt, and cousin

**Mania Altshuler**  
of Russia, China

The funeral service will leave Hadassah Hospital, Rehov Meir, Tel Aviv, today at 1:30 p.m. continue to the deceased's home at 48 Rehov Yehoshua Bin-Nun and from there to the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.  
Transportation will be provided from Hadassah Hospital

**THE BEREAVED FAMILY**

Mrs. Raisa Rootstein and Dr. Anatol Rootstein express their sincere condolences to Mrs. Michael Skidelsky and family on the loss of their mother

**Rachel Skidelsky**

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### High School Term Till Mid-July

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The current secondary school term will probably be extended by about 22 days to help make up for the time lost in the teachers' strike.  
Secondary schools throughout the country re-opened on Sunday morning following the ending of the strike. The extension being considered would take the term up to either July 11 or 13. It usually ends for the long summer vacation on June 20. In addition, the usual school holidays for Lag Bomer and Ieru Hag (of Shavuot) might be abolished this year.

### Lavon Advocates Merges Of Labour Parties

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
PARDEES HANNA. — Mr. Pinhas Lavon, former Secretary-General of the Histadrut, who addressed a May Day rally here yesterday, warned against "dangerous social developments" which threatened the position of the workers' class in Israel.  
Cauterizing in bureaucratic language, Lavon took the place of a free workers' society, he said. Mr. Lavon advocated the merger of the kibbutz movements and of the workers' parties.  
It was Mr. Lavon's first public appearance since he was ousted from his Histadrut post, and it was full of allusions to his recent struggle with the Prime Minister.

### Chelsea Beats Hapoel XI, 1:0

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. — Hospitality was the keynote yesterday, as the Hapoel football selected handed the Chelsea eleven from London a 1:0 victory in their first match in Israel.  
Some 20,000 spectators joined Hapoel goalie Hodorov in gazing in pained astonishment as Hapoel centre-half Leifovitz diverted a rather harmless Chelsea shot into the left corner of his own net, pre-empting the visitors before the only score of the game.

### Eye-Witnesses Recall Nazi Horrors in Court

#### 'Inexplicable Desire to Live'

By DORIS LANKIN, POST Law Reporter  
The inexplicable desire to go on living when life itself was a debasement of all human concepts was described in terse and dramatic terms to the Eichmann trial Court yesterday by Dr. Moshe Bejski, a Tel Aviv magistrate, who survived the death camps in Poland and who was eventually freed by the Russian Army on May 9, 1945.  
In reply to a question by Attorney-General Gideon Hausner, Dr. Bejski said the prisoners did not revolt against their persecutors and murderers, because they hoped the war would soon end and release would come; they hoped that their loved ones were still alive in some other, less horrible camp; or they feared that revolt would prove certain death, while resignation might prove their eventual salvation.  
In a choked voice, he told of the catastrophes of others in the ghettos and in the camps. He said that the sister-in-law of David Lazar of "Mamiv" who had survived the injection of poison which her doctor husband had given

## Golda Meir For Scandinavian Tour

The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, leaves today for a visit to the five Scandinavian countries. The visit will last a month.  
The official tour will in effect begin only on Monday, and will be preceded by a private visit to France. From there Mrs. Meir will go to Sweden, where she will remain until May 12; to Norway, until the 17th; to Iceland, until the 22nd; to Finland, until the 26th; and to Denmark, until June 2.  
Mrs. Meir will be the official guest of all these Governments.  
The Foreign Minister will be accompanied by Miss Lucy Sharon, her secretary, who at the conclusion of the visit will take up her post as Vice-Consul in Zurich.  
On Sunday, the French Ambassador, M. Jean A.A. Bourdelle, called to say farewell to Mrs. Meir, in view of her inability to see her off at the airport today.  
Mrs. Meir on Sunday gave a farewell luncheon which was attended by the Ministers of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Sapir; Miss Edith Khandal, Swedish M.P.; the Swedish Ambassador, Mr. Hugo de Tamm; the Finnish Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Joel Toivola; the Norwegian Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Frey Vassmoen; the Honorary Consul of Iceland and Mrs. Fritz Naasht; the Honorary Consul of Denmark and Mrs. Michael F. Bodrov; and Mrs. Haim Yabli; Mr. and Mrs. Aryeh Lavari; and Mr. and Mrs. Shmuel Bender.

## Flag Bearers of guest delegations from abroad at the opening ceremony of the Hapoel International Sports Festival at the Ramat Gan Stadium on Sunday night.

### Sports Dominate May Day Events

TEL AVIV. — Swedish gymnasts, seemingly made of India rubber, stole the show at the brilliant, floodlit pageant opening the 7th Hapoel International Sports Rally at the Ramat Gan Stadium on Sunday night.  
President Israel Ben-Zvi officially opened the six-day rally marking the 25th anniversary of Hapoel. Present also were the Prime Minister and Mrs. Ben-Gurion, Knesset Members, the Chief of Staff, Ben-Zvi Tsur, Mayors, heads of public institutions and rallies in the major cities.  
The red flag of international workers' solidarity was raised beside the national blue-and-white, and many pupils and teachers and civil servants exercised their right to abstain from work in classrooms or offices. Mapam and the Communists held the traditional outdoor demonstration and rallies in the major cities.

The holiday was officially ushered in by the Histadrut at a rally outside Beit Brenner in Tel Aviv at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, called to mark the 25th anniversary of the death of Y. H. Brenner. Labour Zionist writer who was murdered by Arab terrorists.  
Participating were Tel Aviv Mayor Mordecai Namir, Histadrut Secretary-General Aharon Becker, and other Municipal and Labour movement leaders, many of whom came directly from their work places.  
At Communist-sponsored rallies in Jaffa, Jerusalem and Nazareth, speakers hailed Soviet spaceman Yuri Gagarin, cheered the "colonialist-imperialist debacles" in Cuba, Laos, Algeria, and Congo, called for "Arab-Jewish brotherhood" and demanded "Death to Eichmann."

But it was a handful of Scandinavians who reaped the greatest ovations. Clad in white suits, they walked onto the green field stiffly, followed by the spotlight. They opened with rhythmic movements, stepped up the pace with grace and drive, reaching a crescendo of acrobatic flips and spins, performing like a single creature. Such gymnastic skill has never been seen in Israel before. The performers were the champion team of Sweden.  
On the horse and bare foot, individual Austrians, Belgians, Swiss and Finns put on a remarkably supple performance of gymnastics. Earlier, thousands of white balloons (instead of the traditional pigeons) were set loose, and these reached a great height and were followed by searchlights. Next the flagbearers of the 25 participating countries were presented, starting with Austria, Italy, Ethiopia, U.S.A., Burma, Belgium, Great Britain, Ghana, Denmark, South Africa, Holland, Ivory Coast, Togo, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Japan, Liberia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Nepal, Norway, Senegal, the Philippines, Finland, Portugal, France, Congo, Sweden, Switzerland and Israel.  
Greetings were presented by the President, the Secretary of the International Workers Sports Federation, Mr. Jules Delevier, Histadrut Secretary-General Aharon Becker, and the Hapoel Secretary, Mr. Yitzhak Pannai.  
The pageant ended with a huge torch parade and a colourful fireworks display.

## U.S. Physicist Tells of Escape

### 1 of 20 Survived In Death March

By MACABEE DEAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter  
A 36-year-old American physicist yesterday afternoon told the Eichmann trial court of digging his own grave 19 years ago in Poland under the watchful eyes of an execution squad, and of his miraculous escape.  
The witness, Dr. Leon (Welleck) Wells, later escaped to the U.S. He lives in New Jersey.  
He arrived at 2:15 yesterday morning from America (the witness seemed so exhausted mentally as he began his testimony that he had to be helped to his seat).  
Justice Landau asked him to testify sitting down. He told his story in a low voice, choked with emotion, and his voice broke when he said he was the only survivor of the 78-member family.  
He was 15 when the Germans marched into his town on June 30, 1941. His father and he were among the 8,000 Jews assembled in a nearby police station by Christians and militiamen who turned them over to the S.S.  
The 3,000 persons were taken outside and told to lie down with their faces to the wall. A machinegun was trained on them, and they were warned that if they would be opened if anyone raised his head. Throughout the night the S.S. men walked around, picked out a man here and a man there, made him run until he fell, and then they began shooting. Several hundred were seen sitting or kneeling with their heads split open and their brains out. The remaining victims were made to sit through the day and night without food or water. Some tried to drink their urine. That night the scene was repeated. In the morning, several officers came and began leading 78 men on trucks for "work details." The men boarded the trucks and the S.S. men began shooting. Several hundred were seen sitting or kneeling with their heads split open and their brains out. The remaining victims were made to sit through the day and night without food or water. Some tried to drink their urine. 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# B-G on Relations with Jewry

## 1950 'Non-Interference' Agreement with Blaustein Confirmed

THE American Jewish Committee announced in New York on Sunday that it had reached an understanding with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion clarifying the relationship between Israel and Jews in other democracies.

The agreement was reached by a joint statement with Mr. Jacob Blaustein, U.S. industrialist and honorary chairman of the Committee, who had discussed with Mr. Ben-Gurion in a series of meetings that lasted over nine hours the speech of last December in which Mr. Ben-Gurion cited a Talmudic dictum that "whoever dwells outside the land of Israel is considered to be without God."

Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement then touched off a storm in the U.S. Jewish community, but the Prime Minister said that he had been misunderstood and had no intention of saying that American Jewry was godless. Mr. Blaustein returned home last week and reported on his talks with Mr. Ben-Gurion at the A.J.C.'s annual meeting in New York. The text of the joint declaration signed in Jerusalem on April 23 by Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Blaustein is as follows:

"Mr. Jacob Blaustein came to Israel with the purpose of talking over with the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, some matters relative to the relationship between Israel and the Jewish community abroad, and in particular that of the United States. As is well known, Mr. Blaustein had, in August, 1950, reached an agreement with Mr. Ben-Gurion on these matters after having had at that time exhaustive and detailed conversations with him on all aspects of these problems.

**Doubts Felt in U.S.**

"Of late some elements in the American Jewish community had, it appears, felt some doubts as to whether that agreement still had its full validity as far as Mr. Ben-Gurion and the Israel Government are concerned. Inasmuch as these doubts had been entertained, they had been based on certain pronouncements made and actions taken by Mr. Ben-Gurion and by other members of the Israel Government.

"In the course of this visit Mr. Blaustein had a number of detailed conversations with Mr. Ben-Gurion, who warmly welcomed the opportunity to talk these matters over once more with Mr. Blaustein as he had done in 1950, and a number of times since. The conversations were held in the spirit of candour and friendship which has characterized the relationship of many years' standing between Mr. Jacob Blaustein and Mr. David Ben-Gurion.

"The result of these conversations has been a re-affirmation on the part of both Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Blaustein of the spirit and the content of the 1950 Agreement. It was agreed that it is perfectly natural for differences of view to exist on the essence and the meaning of Judaism and Jewishness, both inside Ame-



Prime Minister Ben-Gurion with Mr. Jacob Blaustein.

rican Jewry and between various Jewish communities in various parts of the world, and in particular between the Jews who live in the independent State of Israel and Jews living in other countries. It was emphasized, however, in this connection, that it would be improper for those holding these different views to act in violation of the Agreement. It was admitted that some misunderstandings might have arisen owing to the fact that Mr. Ben-Gurion now and then takes the liberty of expressing views on a variety of topics that are his own rather than those of the Government of Israel.

"In particular Mr. Ben-Gurion undertook to do everything within his power to see to it that the Agreement is in future kept in spirit and in letter, and to draw the attention of members of the Cabinet and other responsible officers of the Government of Israel to his desire that the spirit and content of the Agreement be fully respected.

These are some of the salient points of the 1950 Agreement as confirmed by Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Blaustein:

Mr. Ben-Gurion: "To my mind, the position is perfectly clear. The Jews of the United States as a community and as individuals, have only one political attachment and that is to the United States of America. They owe no political allegiance to Israel. In the first statement which the representative of Israel made before the United Nations after its admission, he clearly stated without any reservation that the State of Israel represents and speaks only on behalf of its own citizens and in no way presumes to represent or speak in the name of the Jews who are citizens of any other country. We, the people of Israel, have no desire and no intention to interfere in any way with the internal affairs of Jewish communities abroad. The Government and the people of Israel fully respect the right and integrity of the Jewish communities in other countries to develop their own mode of life and their indigenous social, economic and cultural institutions in accordance with their needs and aspirations. Any weakening of its communal life, or lowering of its sense of security, any discrimination of its status

Mr. Blaustein: "The American Jewish community sees its fortunes tied to the fate of liberal democracy in the United States, sustained by its heritage, as Americans and as Jews. We seek to strengthen both of these vital lines to the past and to all humanity by enhancing the

visitors' gallery: Andre Barsacq

THE AUTHOR'S THE THING

FOR Andre Barsacq, Director of "L'Atelier," the French theatrical group at present touring Israel, drama is a comment on life. For him, therefore, the Author is of the world. He is not a writer who looks for a subject in the turbulent world of ours. When he does not find enough interesting material in the work of established playwrights, he tries to persuade novelists to write for the theatre. More than twenty years ago he brought Anouilh to the theatre and last year he brought

Francis Sagan. Plays by both authors are being given at L'Atelier on its present tour. A playwright need no longer be "born on the stage," as was customary in the past, he does not have to break his head imagining plausible situations to bring the action of four walls and two hours. The cinema has educated the public to take so much for granted that the theatre has come nearer to the novel. However, the producer has to warn him of possible pitfalls and advising on theatre technique.

Barsacq is not interested in theatre based on visual effects only. Plays without humour interest him but do not move him. His productions mirror his own temperament and reveal a slightly ironic, but warm, approach to humanity. Man is a queer animal, but let us not demand too much of him, after all we are too human — he seems to say on the stage. He certainly speaks this way.

The Case of Marceau. Felicien Marceau, the author of "The Egg" which Barsacq produced both in Paris and in Tel Aviv (at the Hahimah), was one author who understood the producer well. "No, I am sorry about the denazification court which has convicted Marceau as a collaborator," M. Barsacq says. "It appears that Marceau had been convicted in absentia on a rather minor charge: during the occupation, as a

young reporter, he interviewed people for the radio. Of his 200 interviews the court found that four were objectionable because they presented the Germans in a sympathetic light. One of these was the report of a returning prisoner of war who had said that the German POW camps were well run. "After all, people worked under the orders of the occupation authorities. May we not imagine that they would not tell how badly the Nazis treated their prisoners," Mr. Barsacq remarks. Under the Belgian law there is no appeal against the denazification tribunal.

Taking Plays to Public. The main problem for the modern theatre, Mr. Barsacq says, is to bring it closer to the public. The automobile has changed social habits and people now move about much more. Barsacq, May onwards, Parisian theatres find it difficult to fill their halls. The French Government is doing a great deal by making certain funds available to the theatre. But the theatre will have to move to the public — to the country-side and picnic spots where the people go. An open-air theatre, protected against rain by a modern technical device, is what Mr. Barsacq has in mind.

"No, it need not be just light entertainment," he says. "After all, people do not forget to think when they go holidaying. There is always a public for a play which has something to say."

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## Readers' Letters

PHONE REPAIRS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post  
Mr. — Today I rang up the telephone department and asked them to check on the condition of a number I had dialled in vain for some time. "Out of order," the telephoneist replied. "Will you please see to it that it is repaired," I requested. "Only if the subscriber reports it himself. These are our regulations," was the answer.

May I ask the Minister of Posts whether he has thought of such every-day contingencies as that a subscriber may be sick in bed and cannot himself report a breakdown of his telephone. And that, moreover, he is cut off even from the post office?

If a check reveals that a telephone is out of order, does not the Repair Department consider it its duty to repair it even without waiting for a complaint? Will the Minister explain how this regulation (repair after complaint by subscriber only) is compatible with an elementary idea of service which in Israel is paid for at the world's highest rates?

Yours, etc.  
SHALOM LAUFER  
Haifa, March 5.

Post Office Replies

Replies to a subscriber's telephone are carried out at his request or at the request of someone in his name. This practice is the result of experience which has shown

that in many cases when our repairmen came to repair "out of order" telephones, at the request of telephonists, it turned out that the subscriber had disconnected his telephone (by pulling the plug out) or had not closed the receiver or had not answered his telephone because he did not wish to be disturbed. In such cases, the visit of the repairman has been met with annoyance on the part of the subscriber, who has complained that he had not notified the post office that his telephone was out of order.

Of course, if it is discovered that there is something wrong at the switchboard or with the telephone network, the repair is carried out immediately, without waiting for notice from the subscriber.

D. MOLAD-MENDELSON  
Public Relations Officer  
Ministry of Posts  
Jerusalem, April 2.

TOOTHBRUSHES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post  
Sir — What has happened to the toothbrush industry? In the good old days, one could buy a durable bristled toothbrush, rounded, which fitted the inside curve of the teeth and lasted for years.

Today, the country is flooded with shoddy stiff plastic tooth brushes which rip the gums, whether first dipped in hot water or not (the same things range in price between 10 and 30 ag, with no difference in quality). If, in exasperation, one tries to find a bristled toothbrush, the only thing available is a convex-shaped head, far too large for children, and the bristles become soft in next to no time.

Foreign-made plastic toothbrushes are soft and resilient but unobtainable. How long must we be denied the elementary necessity of good toothbrushes?

Yours, etc.  
ARTHUR A. A. COHEN  
Tel Aviv, April 16.

SUNDAY'S PRESS

ON CONSTANT GUARD

Hamodia (World Aguda) takes a serious view of the air clash in the Hula region on Friday morning which resulted in the downing of an Egyptian MiG-7, adding that this enemy reconnaissance, coming hot on the heels of the Arab Chiefs of Staff conference in Cairo at which "secret decisions" in connection with Israel were adopted, indicate military preparations.

Hamodia (Liberal) breathes a sigh of relief with the termination of the high school teachers' strike, recalling that the teachers lost the public's sympathy because they drew their howl too loud. It is to

be hoped that the decision of the five-man committee entrusted with ironing out the final difficulties will not cause further complications.

Herut writes that the Government's agreeing to pay the teachers an advance on future salary adjustments proves that the teachers were right in their demands all along, and stresses that it is too early for hurrahs since the stoppage are not altogether settled. The committee named to deal with them should make all haste to hammer out an immediate settlement.

Haifa's (National Religious) observes that the fight

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## MARGINAL COMMENT

### BETTER THE MAGYARS!

By Nissim Rejman

ALTHOUGH the two terms are often and freely used interchangeably Arab Nationalism and Pan-Arabism are not one and the same thing. Professor Hamilton Gibb, a leading British expert on Arab history and culture, made a distinction between the two concepts nearly 20 years ago, and despite the far-reaching developments which have taken place since then, the distinction is still valid. According to this theory, Pan-Arabism is an extremist, radical effort to unite all the Arab world into a single State — as in the time of the Umayyad and Abbasid caliphates; Arab Nationalism, on the other hand, merely seeks to develop the Arab personality within the states which now exist, and it recognizes the independence of these political entities. Unlike Pan-Arabism, the Arab Nationalists would be content with a loose confederation of Arab states or some sort of spiritual and cultural union between them.

PAN-Arabism in this distinct sense has of course been associated with Egypt under Abdul Nasser, whose first serious step in the direction of Pan-Arabism was the establishment of the United Arab Republic more than three years ago through the merger with Syria. Since then, however, no progress has been made in this direction; on the contrary, what with the "defection" of the revolutionary regime in Iraq, the endurance of King Hussein's regime in Jordan, and the refusal of the Lebanese to be drawn into the Nasserist orbit, it is today possible to say that Pan-Arabism is on the retreat before the more moderate, more "pragmatic" doctrine of Arab Nationalism. Gibb's opinion that Pan-Arabism is a goal not likely to be reached in any foreseeable future is as true today as it was 19 years ago. Even Abdul Nasser has become wary of openly advocating an all-Arab union, as he made plain in his recent letter to King Hussein.

THERE are several decisive reasons why this is so, and many interpretations have been advanced. Quincy Wright of the University of Virginia, for instance, has likened the situation to the one prevailing after the break-up of the Holy Roman Empire in Europe. "There had been a quasi-political, quasi-religious union of the whole of western Europe," he pointed out in the course of a lecture delivered two years ago, "but that broke up after the 13th century into the national states of Europe. The great Arab Caliphates were in some respect similar to the Holy Roman Empire. We have seen in recent times the break-up of the quasi-religious, quasi-political Ottoman Empire, the Caliphate of the Caliphates, into national states. I think these states are likely to persist but will be inspired by Arab Nationalism as you may say, the states of western Europe have been inspired

by Christian Nationalism." (Middle East Report 1950, Washington, 1950, pp. 8-9).

PERHAPS the chief obstacle to full Arab union, however, is what may be termed the psycho-cultural barrier. For despite a common language, a shared history and more or less uniform cultural tradition, considerable differences persist — of temperament, of custom and of specific environment. The situation is remarkably analogous to that which confronted the Pan-Slavists of a century ago. Pan-Slavism, like Pan-Arabism, aspired to a union of the Slav peoples that was based largely on the language factor. Both were movements in which — in the words of Hans Kohn describing Pan-Slavism — "nationalist elements were mingled with supra-national and often imperialist trends." To those who have listened to General Kasaev's speeches and read the literature of the "anti-unionists" in Iraq, the following quotation from Karel Havlicek, the great Czech intellectual who died over 100 years ago, will no doubt have a familiar ring:

"I learned to know Poland and I did not like it. With a feeling of hostility and in the worst cold I arrived in Moscow, being warmly greeted by the Slav feeling in the heart. The freezing temperature in Moscow, the other Russian aspects extinguished the last spark of Pan-Slav love in me. I returned to Prague as a simple Czech, even with some secret sympathy against the name Slav which a sufficient knowledge of Russia and Poland made me suspect to me. Above all, I express my firm conviction that the Slavs, that means the Russians, the Poles, the Czechs, the Slovaks, etc., are not one nation. The name Slav should forever remain a purely geographical and scientific name. Nationality is not only determined by language, but also by customs, religion, form of government, state of education, sympathies, etc." (Quoted in Hans Kohn, Pan-Slavism, pp. 24-25).

LIKE the present-day critics of the Egyptian and Syrian Pan-Arabs, Havlicek found the Pan-Slavism of the Russians and Poles merely a desire on the part of these two nations to use the other Slavs for their own purposes. "I admit," he once wryly wrote, "that I prefer the Magyars, who are open enemies of the Czechs and Slovaks, to the Russians who approach us with the Juggernaut — to put us into their pockets. We are Czechs and we wish to remain Czechs forever, and we do not wish to become either Germans or Magyars or Russians; and therefore we shall be cool to the Russians, to them, not wish to be hostile to them." It would seem that the Arabs in their various lands are in need of just such local intellectual leaders as Frantisek Palacky and Karel Havlicek who, in the words of Hans Kohn, led their people "from the romantic sentimentalism of the beginning of the national rebirth to a realism which abhorred rash adventures and grandiose hopes."

Tel Aviv, May 2.

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